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10 March 1948

Asst. Director for Reports and Estimates

Executive for Administration and Mgt.

Financial Support of the NIS Program

1. ORE budget estimate for fiscal year 1949 does not include any estimate for geographic name research or preparation of standard base maps. Estimate for total printing costs, including map reproduction, is \$273,000.

2. Prior to taking further action on your memo dated 20 February, subject as above, the following information is requested:

a. What portion of the funds recommended for geographic name research and printing costs will be chargeable to fiscal year 1948 funds?

b. Does the estimate for geographic name research include all or any portion of the amount previously authorized for fiscal year 1948 for this purpose?

c. Is it anticipated that the additional estimated total cost of \$600,000 annually will continue for a period of years, or can we determine approximately the total period during which we should assume this overall expense?

d. Is the estimate for printing costs exclusive of all printing requirements other than those for the NIS program? In such case, can any portion of the \$273,000 previously estimated for fiscal year 1949 printing costs be applied to the \$500,000 annual estimate for that fiscal year?

e. If we assume full financial responsibility for geographic name research and printing costs, will there be any other demands from other agencies cooperating in this program for financial support in connection with responsibilities allocated to them?

3. Upon receipt of the additional information requested above, determination will be made as to the feasibility of making available the necessary funds to meet total costs for geographic name research and printing in connection with the NIS program.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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Executive for  
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cc: Chief, Budget and Finl Branch

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